

ESTTA Tracking number: **ESTTA431735**Filing date: **09/22/2011**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

Opposer Information

Name	World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.		
Entity	Corporation	Citizenship	Delaware
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Applicant Information

Application No	85285483	Publication date	08/23/2011
Opposition Filing Date	09/22/2011	Opposition Period Ends	09/22/2011
Applicant	Bourgeios-Bahar, Vaneesah 4276 Dogwood Farms Drive Decatur, GA 30034 UNITED STATES		

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 041. First Use: 2000/02/11 First Use In Commerce: 2003/03/13
All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Entertainment in the nature of live performances by a recording artist; Entertainment services in the nature of live musical performances

Grounds for Opposition


Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
Dilution	Trademark Act section 43(c)

Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	2086903	Application Date	11/01/1995
Registration Date	08/12/1997	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	RAW		
Design Mark			

Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 1993/01/11 First Use In Commerce: 1993/01/11 entertainment services, namely, production and presentation of live wrestling sports entertainment television programs

U.S. Registration No.	2396746	Application Date	02/23/1998
Registration Date	10/24/2000	Foreign Priority Date	NONE


Word Mark	RAW
Design Mark	


Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 016. First use: First Use: 1996/04/01 First Use In Commerce: 1996/04/01 Printed paper matter, namely, magazines relating to sports entertainment, comic books, event programs relating to sports entertainment, calendars, decals, stickers, posters, mounted and unmounted photographs, pictures, cardboard stand-ups, paper lunch sacks, napkins, trading cards, playing cards, collectors cards, and coloring and activity books

U.S. Registration No.	2833110	Application Date	04/29/2002
Registration Date	04/13/2004	Foreign Priority Date	NONE


Word Mark	RAW
Design Mark	

Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 2002/04/01 First Use In Commerce: 2002/04/01 Entertainment services, namely, the production and exhibition of professional wrestling events rendered live and through the media of television; providing wrestling news and information via a global computer network


U.S. Registration No.	2986061	Application Date	04/29/2002
Registration Date	08/16/2005	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	RAW		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	<p>Class 028. First use: First Use: 2002/03/18 First Use In Commerce: 2002/03/18 Playing cards; toy action figures and accessories; cases for action figures; toy vehicles; board games; toy spinning tops; stand alone video output game machines featuring wrestling; arcade games related to wrestling; pinball games related to wrestling; hand-held units for playing electronic games; tabletop action skill games related to wrestling; jigsaw puzzles; kites; toy wrestling rings; dolls; puppets; stuffed toy animals; card games; toy guitars; water guns; vinyl pool products for playing, namely-- pillow back lounge chair; one and two-man inflatable boats; personal watercrafts, namely, single and multi-passenger jet boats; rafts; inner tubes; and foot pumps; Christmas tree decorations; costume masks; toy belts, doll furniture; party favors in the nature of crackers and noisemakers; skateboards; bowling balls and accessories, namely, wristbands, namely, wrist supports for bowling, bowling gloves, ball cleaning kits, wrist supports, bowling ball bags; windup toys; scooters; bowling pins; knee and elbow pads; yo-yo's; face painting sets; plastic model kits; pool cues; toy banks made of tin; toy gum machines; toy candy bowl mechanical dispensers; toy stick gum dispensers; toy gum figure makers</p>		


U.S. Registration No.	3303308	Application Date	04/29/2002
Registration Date	10/02/2007	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	RAW		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 016. First use: First Use: 2002/04/30 First Use In Commerce: 2002/04/30		

	Posters; trading cards; labels, namely printed labels not of textile; folders; brochures about sports entertainment; packaging, namely, paper bags for packaging, paper pouches for packaging, cardboard boxes for packaging, cardboard containers for packaging; plastic bags for general use; paper tableware, namely, paper place mats, paper napkins, paper tablecloths; stickers; pens; pencils, pencil cases, pencil sharpeners; rulers; erasers; book covers, notebook paper, notebook dividers; coloring books; children's activity books, comic books, picture books, appointment books; address books; sticker albums; calendars; chalk; magazines in the field of sports entertainment; newspapers in the field of sports entertainment; postcards; greeting cards; temporary tattoo transfers; souvenir programs concerning sports entertainment; paper lunch bags; memo pads; rubber stamps; stamp pads; collectible prepaid telephone cards not magnetically encoded; collectible telephone calling cards, not magnetically encoded; postage stamps and collector stamps, namely, commemorative stamp sheets; custom printed personal bank checks; checkbook covers; return address labels; bumper stickers; window decals; lithographs; paper party favors, paper party hats; stencils; gift wrapping paper, plastic gift wrap, metallic gift wrap; paper cake decorations
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U.S. Registration No.	3960447	Application Date	01/11/2010
Registration Date	05/17/2011	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	RAW		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	The mark consists of the wording "RAW" in stylized red lettering outlined in black with horizontal line in red and outlined in black appearing above and below the wording. The color gray appears as a shadow and background behind the wording and horizontal line designs in the mark. The color white represents background and/or transparent areas and is not part of the mark.		
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 2006/10/31 First Use In Commerce: 2006/10/31 Entertainment services, namely, the production and exhibition of professional wrestling events rendered live and through the media of television; providing wrestling news and information via a global computer network		

U.S. Application No.	78124889	Application Date	04/29/2002
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	RAW		

Design Mark	
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 009. First use: Magnets; cinematographic films featuring sports entertainment; motion picture films made for television featuring sports entertainment; pre-recorded phonograph records featuring sports entertainment; pre-recorded audio tapes featuring sports entertainment; compact discs featuring sports entertainment; amusement gaming machines; computer games in the form of cartridges, tapes, software, game discs; video games in the form of cartridges, tapes, software, game discs; prerecorded video tapes featuring sports entertainment; prerecorded audio tapes featuring sports entertainment; photographic cameras; mouse pads; eyewear, namely, eyeglasses, sunglasses, eyeglass cords made of cord, eyeglass cords made of plastic, eyeglass cases.

U.S. Application No.	77942095	Application Date	02/23/2010
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	RAW		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 025. First use: Clothing, namely, tank tops, t-shirts, shirts, sport shirts, dress shirts, polo shirts, undershirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, pullovers, jackets, raincoats, overcoats, topcoats, trousers, pants, jean pants, jogging suits, exercise pants, exercise suits, sweatpants, shorts, underwear, boxer shorts, socks, clothing ties, pajamas, belts, gloves, Halloween and masquerade costumes, wrist bands, bandannas; footwear, namely, shoes, sneakers, boots, slippers; headwear, namely, hats, caps		

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this paper has been served upon all parties, at their address record by First Class Mail on this date.

Signature	/Christopher M. Verdini/
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Date	09/22/2011

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Applicant: Vaneesah Bourgeios-Bahar
Serial No.: 85/285,483
Mark: Ms. Raw
Class: 41
Filing Date: April 4, 2011
Publication Date: August 23, 2011

WORLD WRESTLING)
ENTERTAINMENT, INC.,)
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Opposer,)
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v.)
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VANEESAH BOURGEIOS-)
BAHAR,)
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Applicant.)
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Opposition No. _____

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (“Opposer” or “WWE”), a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902, believes that it will be damaged by registration of the mark MS. RAW, which is the subject of Application Serial No. 85/285,483 filed by Vaneesah Bourgeios-Bahar, an individual with an address of 4276 Dogwood Farms Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30034 (“Applicant”). As such, WWE opposes registration of this mark and requests that registration to Applicant be refused.

As grounds in support of its opposition, Opposer asserts as follows:

I. Introduction

1. Opposer is and at all relevant times has been an integrated media company principally engaged in the development, production and promotion of television programming,

pay-per-view programming and live arena events featuring wrestling entertainment services, and the license and sale of branded consumer products.

2. WWE's unique product, for which it coined the term "sports entertainment," is perhaps best described as an action-adventure episodic drama that is akin to an ongoing, ever-developing soap opera based around WWE's distinctive and provocative characters.

3. WWE promotes hundreds of live shows each year in arenas and stadiums in cities around the world. WWE also produces weekly television programs on broadcast and cable television that are distributed around the world and monthly pay-per-view programs available through cable and satellite pay-per-view distributors. In addition, WWE licenses and sells myriad types of consumer products depicting its characters and other intellectual property.

II. Opposer's RAW Marks

4. Opposer is the owner of numerous common law and registered trademarks used in connection with its wrestling entertainment services and related goods and services. In particular, Opposer's RAW marks, comprised of RAW in typed or stylized form and with or without design elements (collectively, the "RAW Marks"), are one of Opposer's most recognized and valuable intellectual property assets.

5. Opposer owns common law rights and a number of applications and registrations for the RAW Marks including, but not limited to, U.S. Registration Nos. 2,086,903, 2,396,746, 2,833,110, 2,986,061, 3,303,308 and 3,960,447 and U.S. Application Serial Nos. 78/124,889 and 77/942,095.

6. "RAW" is one of the nationally and internationally recognized brands through which WWE promotes its wrestling entertainment services and related goods.

7. “RAW” also is the title of one of WWE’s internationally-distributed weekly television programs. Some of WWE’s most famous wrestling characters are affiliated with WWE’s RAW brand including, *inter alia*, TRIPLE H, JOHN CENA, and CM PUNK. These characters: (i) appear on WWE’s weekly RAW television program broadcast around the world; (ii) perform at WWE RAW live events in cities around the world; (iii) are featured on WWE’s wwe.com/shows/raw Internet website; and (iv) are depicted on WWE RAW branded merchandise, including apparel and clothing.

8. The popularity, success, and recognition of the goods and services offered by Opposer under its RAW Marks are the direct result of the substantial time and money invested by WWE in development, marketing and promotion of the marks. The RAW Marks are uniquely and exclusively associated with WWE and have become indelibly linked in the public’s mind in exclusive association with and in exclusive sponsorship by WWE.

9. WWE has continually used its RAW Marks in connection with its wrestling entertainment services and related consumer products since at least January 11, 1993—well prior to any date of first use upon which Applicant can rely.

10. By virtue of WWE’s use, marketing and promotion of its RAW Marks, the RAW Marks are famous and distinctive.

11. Particularly pertinent to this opposition, Opposer has used and continues to use its RAW Marks in International Class 41 in connection with, among other things, entertainment services, namely, the production and presentation of professional wrestling events rendered live and through the media of television – the same categories of services in which Applicant seeks to register its nearly identical MS. RAW mark.

12. In addition, Opposer uses its RAW Marks in connection with numerous other consumer products including, but not limited to, video tapes, DVDs, video games, internet services, magazines, photographs, trading cards, posters, calendars, other related paper goods, action figures, mugs, cups and other various goods and services.

13. Despite Opposer's long and widespread use and worldwide recognition of its RAW Marks, Applicant has filed an application to register MS. RAW in International Class 41 for "[e]ntertainment in the nature of live performances by a recording artist; [e]ntertainment services in the nature of live musical performances." Applicant filed the application on April 4, 2011 and the application was assigned Serial No. 85/285,483.

III. The Application Should Be Dismissed Because A Likelihood Of Confusion Exists

14. As described herein, Opposer's RAW Marks are among its most recognized and valuable intellectual property assets.

15. Applicant's MS. RAW mark contains Opposer's RAW Marks in their entirety and is likely, when used on or in connection with the services set forth in Applicant's application, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive relative to Opposer's RAW Marks within the meaning of Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act.

16. By applying for a mark that so resembles Opposer's RAW Marks, Applicant's MS. RAW mark is likely to cause confusion among consumers as to Opposer's affiliation and/or sponsorship of Applicant's services.

17. Accordingly, Opposer, as the owner of the RAW Marks, will be damaged if Applicant's MS. RAW mark is registered to Applicant.

IV. The Application Should Be Dismissed Because A Likelihood Of Dilution By Blurring Exists

18. As described herein, Opposer's RAW Marks are famous and distinctive.

19. Opposer's RAW Marks became famous and distinctive prior to any use of Applicant's MS. RAW mark upon which Applicant can rely.

20. Applicant's MS. RAW mark so resembles Opposer's RAW Marks and is likely, when used on or in connection with the services set forth in Applicant's application, to cause dilution by blurring of Opposer's RAW Marks within the meaning of Section 43(c) of the Lanham Act.

21. Accordingly, Opposer, as the owner of the RAW Marks, will be damaged if Applicant's MS. RAW mark is registered to Applicant.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that the Notice of Opposition be sustained and that registration of U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 85/285,483 be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 22nd day of September, 2011, a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF OPPOSITION was served, via United States Mail, First Class, postage prepaid, upon the following counsel of record:

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